Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Every year, our nation sets aside a week to honor 25 million Americans whose entrepreneurial drive personifies the American dream; and,

Whereas, America's 25 million small businesses reflect the things that make our nation great: vision, responsibility, innovation, dedication, and hard work, and it is often small entrepreneurs who are our inventors, our risk-takers, and our job creators; and,

Whereas, Small business men and women's innovation, initiative, and example prompt many South Dakotans of all ages to join their ranks and start their own small businesses each year. In just this way, through the years, South Dakota's communities have been born, our people have been employed, and our towns and cities have grown; and,

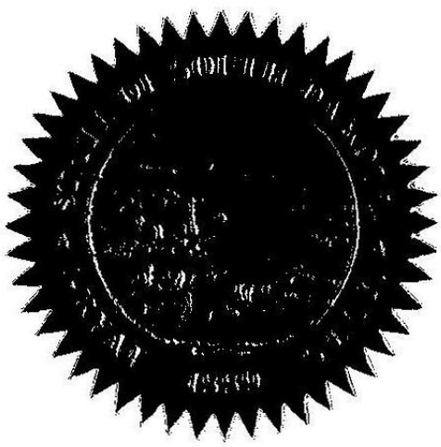
Whereas, It is also a time to celebrate our successes, and to thank South Dakota's small business owners for their contributions to our communities, our economy, and our nation; and,

Whereas, I encourage all residents of South Dakota to observe Small Business Week appropriately, to dedicate themselves to learning more about South Dakota's entrepreneurs and how we can help them continue on their tremendous path of success:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2004, as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State